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Commuter Rail Service Expected 2005

The Village has joined the Regional Transit District formed in the Mid-Regional Council of Governments area as part of the planning process for commuter rail in the Middle Rio Grande Valley.

The ultimate goal of the commuter rail service is to serve passengers between the City of Belen and the City of Santa Fe. To accomplish this, the project has been split into two phases.

The first phase will provide rail service between Belen and the Town of Bernalillo on existing rail tracks. The second phase will extend the service to the City of Santa Fe.

For the first phase, train platforms will be constructed in Belen, Los Lunas, Albuquerque's North and South Valleys, downtown Albuquerque and Bernalillo. Isleta and Sandia Pueblos are being considered for platforms.

The initiation of a commuter rail service is expected to alleviate the traffic problems of daily commutes between Belen and Albuquerque.

Service between Belen and Bernalillo, the first phase of the project, is expected to begin in the Fall of 2005. The Mid-Region Council of Governments is in charge of



Not many passenger trains have been seen in Los Lunas over the last years. In 2001 an Amtrak engine brought the American Orient Express through the area. Commuter rail service is expected to begin in 2005. Car styles had not been chosen as of the writing of this newsletter.

completing this phase.

Initially commuter rail service will be targeted to morning and evening commuters (a.m. service to Albuquerque and p.m. service from Albuquerque).

New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson's Improvement Partnership

Open House Dedicates Stackwalls

An Open House and Tour were held in late August for the stackwall masonry project and other renovations at the River Park located east of the Rio Grande.

Presentation were made by

Village Hosts Environmental Summit

The Village hosted an Environmental Summit in late September.

Topics for the event included the New Mexico/Bosque Youth Conservation Corp, New Mexico Forest

(GRIP) provides funds for planning, capital purchases and rail cars, and performing track improvements.

Eventually, a combination of federal, state and local funds and passenger fare collection will be needed for operating, equipment and maintenance costs.

Suzanne Probart of Tree New Mexico and Arnold Torres, who spoke about the stackwall masonry.

The event included a tour of the park as well as a Brisket Breakfast Burrito on the Bosque.

Relief, the Champion Tree Program and stackwall masonry which was constructed at the River Park..

The summit included a tour of the River Park near the Rio Grande.

*Statewide Library
Bond Issue on
November 2nd Ballot
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of this Page*

**For Your Convenience, the Village of Los Lunas now
accepts utility payments at First State Bank in Los Lunas**



LIBRARIES CHANGE LIVES !

A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND WHICH BENEFITS
ALL NEW MEXICO CITIES, TOWNS, VILLAGES AND
COUNTIES — AND ALL AGES!

Statewide Bond Issue C: Library Books Acquisition **Total Amount: \$16.3 million**

Which libraries will benefit?

- 89 Public and Community Libraries (incl. rural bookmobiles) will receive \$5.8 million
- 684 Public School Libraries and 2 Juvenile Detention Libraries will share \$6.2 million
 - 26 Public Colleges and University Campus Libraries will divide \$3.9 million
- New Mexico State Library and History Library, Palace of the Governors, share \$324,000

Valencia County libraries would receive approximately these amounts:

Belen Public Library	\$70,318	Belen School District:	\$87,816
Bosque Farms Public Library	\$ 43,068	Isleta Pueblo Public Library	\$8,516
Los Lunas Public Library	\$99,064	Los Lunas School District	\$141,817
UNM/VC Library	\$49,776		

General Obligation Bond C Highlights: November 2nd General Election

All of New Mexico's 33 counties will receive book bond funds.

Bond C is an opportunity to replace outdated, worn-out and "lost" books with new books, educational materials and electronic resources. For public libraries, funds are also included for computer upgrades.

Legislation had widespread bipartisan support and was signed by Gov. Richardson. Generally, for Bond C, there will be an additional cost of \$1.70/annum for each \$100,000 assessed value if all four General Obligation bonds pass in the November 2, 2004 election.

Continues building on popularly-supported 2002 bond issue providing books for libraries.

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